**Parramatta District Cricket Association**

**Doubtful Bowling Action**

**Law 21 Definition of fair delivery – the arm**

A ball is fairly delivered in respect of the arm if, once the bowler's arm has reached the level of the shoulder in the delivery swing, the elbow joint is not straightened partially or, completely from that point until the ball has left the hand. This definition shall not debar a bowler from flexing or rotating the wrist in the delivery swing.

**APPLICATION**

This procedure shall automatically apply in the event that as follows:

a) A PDCUA umpire formally “reports” a player who has bowled what the umpire considers to be a clearly “illegal” delivery in breach of Law 21, three times during the same innings; and/or

b) Two different PDCUA umpires, during at least two different matches during any 12-month period, each formally “mention” a player who has bowled what each umpire considers to be one “illegal” or “doubtful” delivery during a match.

In forming an opinion whether a bowler’s delivery is clearly “illegal”, or is “doubtful”, an umpire shall be guided by Law 21. PDCA particularly notes that under the provisions of Law 21, an umpire must call and signal “no ball” for each delivery that, in the umpire’s opinion, a bowler has delivered “illegally.”

**REVIEW PROCESS**

a) Following a match, a PDCUA umpire shall formally “report” or “mention” to PDCA any “illegal” or “doubtful” delivery by a bowler. The umpire shall provide as much written information as possible regarding the timing, circumstances and nature of any such delivery.

b) PDCA will advise the player’s club, with a copy of each “report” or “mention”.

c) Upon receipt of one “report” or two “mentions”, that player shall not bowl again in an PDCA competition match, for a period of one month.

d) Following that one-month period, a player may re-commence bowling in matches until such time as they have accumulated another “report” or a further two “mentions.”

e) Upon receipt of a second “report” or a further two “mentions”, that player shall not bowl again in an PDCA competition match, for a period of three months.

f) Following that three-month period, a player may re-commence bowling in PDCA matches until such time as they have accumulated another “report” or a further two “mentions.”

g) Upon receipt of a third “report” or a further two “mentions”, that player shall not bowl again in an PDCA competition match for a period of 12 months.

**Notes to Process**

a) Law 21 makes officiating umpires solely responsible, on a delivery-by-delivery basis, for the determination of each individual delivery’s fairness during a match. Accordingly, there is no limit on the number of times that an umpire may “report” or “mention” the same player, or on the number of times that an umpire may “no-ball” the same bowler during a match, except as limited by Law 21.

b) Neither PDCA nor any other person or body can certify that a player has a permanently “fair” bowling action, on the basis of an assessment of a bowler’s delivery action. PDCA cannot undertake biomechanical analysis of a bowler’s delivery action, such as the ICC or CA would undertake in corresponding circumstances.

c) By continuing to bowl with an “illegal” action”, a player delays the process of rendering that action “fair”, and thereby satisfying the provisions of Law 21. Accordingly, PDCA strongly encourages a player’s club, during any period in which that player is not permitted to bowl, to assist the player by all means possible to develop a delivery action that is more likely to, in the opinion of umpires, comply with the provisions of Law 21.

d) A player has no right of appeal to any course of action by an umpire or PDCA relating to this procedure, other than on a point of law.